

Criminal Division. The Criminal Division is composed of the City Prosecutor Craig Jennings and two Assistant City Prosecutor positions. Currently, these positions are held by Assistant City Prosecutors Ryan Glover and Stephen Williams. The criminal attorneys are assisted by four administrative team members: Tiffany Copp, Lilia Plascencia, Sonia Gonzales, and Nichole Flores.

Craig Jennings has been with the City of Surprise since December 2000. Mr. Jennings oversees daily operations of the Criminal division, as well as handles an active caseload. Mr. Jennings also advises the Surprise Police Department regarding criminal investigations. Prior to joining the City, Mr. Jennings worked for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office where he prosecuted felony cases involving vehicular crimes, gangs, and repeat offenders. He graduated from Arizona State University College of Law in 1996.

Ryan Glover has been employed with the City of Surprise since August 2005. Mr. Glover was previously employed with Maricopa County Attorney's Office as a Deputy County Attorney doing felony prosecution. Mr. Glover graduated from Arizona State University College of Law in 2003.

Stephen Williams has been employed with the City of Surprise since November 2009. Prior to joining the City, Mr. Williams retired from the City of Phoenix as an Assistant Phoenix City Prosecutor III, Senior Trial Attorney and Senior Domestic Violence Specialist after nearly 25 years. Mr. Williams prosecuted nearly all misdemeanor cases, with emphasis on Domestic Violence and "cold" cases that had bench warranted for more than 5 and up to 10 years old. Mr. Williams also worked in the Motions and Appeals Bureau, the Forfeiture Unit, the Charging Bureau, and handled conflict trials and cases in other cities, as well as in Maricopa County Superior Court, upon request. Mr. Williams conducted lectures regarding Domestic Violence prosecution for police officers, prosecutors and victim advocates, upon request or necessity. Mr. Williams graduated from Thomas Cooley Law School in Michigan in 1980.

Tiffany Copp is an Assistant Analyst in the City of Surprise Legal Department/Criminal Division. Ms. Copp has been with the City of Surprise since 2000. Ms. Copp oversees the four Legal Specialists and provides direct support to City Prosecutor Craig Jennings. Ms. Copp is also responsible for preparing all subpoenas, various motions, and long forms. Ms. Copp is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree at ASU West and will graduate in December 2010.

Lilia Plascencia is a Legal Specialist with the City of Surprise Legal Department/Criminal Division. Ms. Plascencia has been employed with the City of Surprise since August 2003. Ms. Plascencia is responsible for preparing, redacting and mailing discovery on all criminal cases handled by this office, and issuing victim notifications.

Sonia Gonzales is a Legal Specialist with the City of Surprise Legal Department/Criminal Division. Ms. Gonzales has been employed with the City of Surprise since August 2005. Ms. Gonzales is responsible for generating all new criminal cases, which includes generating motor vehicle requests, pulling police reports, filing victim rights forms, and issuing victim notifications.

Nichole Flores is a Legal Specialist with the City of Surprise Legal Department/Criminal Division. Ms. Flores has been employed with the City of Surprise since August 2004. Mrs. Flores is responsible for monitoring diversion and differed cases, preparing PTRs and monitoring compliance, and issuing victim notifications.